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In re:	CASE NO.: 2:19-bk-20040-BR			
	CHAPTER: 7			
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Overbid procedure (if any):

SEE ATTACHED NOTICE OF MOTION.

If property is to be sold free and clear of liens or other interests, list date, time and location of hearing: NOT APPLICABLE. SEE ATTACHED NOTICE OF MOTION.

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TO THE HONORABLE BARRY RUSSELL, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY
JUDGE, THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE, AND TO ALL CREDITORS
AND PARTIES-IN-INTEREST AND THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD, IF ANY:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing will be held on August 15, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. before the Honorable Barry Russell, United States Bankruptcy Judge in Courtroom 1668 at the United States Bankruptcy Court located at 255 East Temple Street, 16th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012 to consider the Motion (hereinafter referred to as the "Motion") filed by the chapter 7 Trustee, herein, Rosendo Gonzalez (hereinafter referred to as the "Trustee"), for the entry of an Order approving the auction sale and bidding procedures regarding the Debtor's interest in real property by inheritance in New York State, subject to overbid, with a finding of Good Faith pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §363(m) to a disinterested third party, based upon the following background facts existing at the time of the filing of the Debtor's chapter 7 case:, based upon the following background facts existing at the time of the filing of the Debtor's chapter 7 case:

- On August 26, 2019, Ms. Nadine Christian, the Debtor herein
 (hereinafter referred to as the "Debtor") filed her voluntary petition commencing the above-captioned case under Chapter 7 of title 11, United States Code.
- Rosendo Gonzalez was thereafter duly appointed as the Chapter 7
 Trustee (hereinafter referred to as the "Trustee").
- Action") was commenced by the NYCTL 1998-2 Trust (hereinafter referred to as the "Trust") and was pending before the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Kings (hereinafter referred to as the "State Court") (Index No. 508855/19) regarding real property located at 1355 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York 11216 (BBL 3-01850-0044) (hereinafter referred to as the "Property") to pay off real property tax liens against the Property in the approximate sum of \$225,000.00, or more at the time of the Debtor's filing of her chapter 7

attached to the concurrently filed Motion as Exhibit "1" and is incorporated herein by this

case. A true and correct copy of the Filed Caption of the Foreclosure Action is

if set forth in full.

- reference as if set forth in full.

 4. The Debtor's interest in the Property as a claimed heir of Mr. James E.

 Gordon has been verified by the Estate pursuant to the attached Birth Certificate of the

 Debtor, her Family Genealogy Chart provided by the Debtor's family's Estate Counsel in

 New York State to the Trustee by and through the Debtor's Counsel in the within Chapter 7
- Debtor's Birth Certificate and Family Genealogy Chart are attached to the concurrently filed Motion respectively as Exhibits "2" and "3" and are incorporated herein by this reference as

case, and any other evidence presented by the Debtor. True and correct copies of the

- 5. Upon careful review by the Trustee with his General Counsel of relevant documents and facts as evidenced in the pending Foreclosure Action in New York State, due to accruing interest and costs, it became apparent to the Trustee that any surplus funds remaining after the Foreclosure Action would not likely be available to be distributed to the within Chapter 7 Estate by virtue of the Debtor's asserted position in New York State as an heir of the deceased former owner of the Property, Mr. James E. Gordon of Brooklyn, New York.
- 6. The New York Foreclosure Action has now been suspended due to procedures of the New York State Court and Government Officials presiding over same.
- 7. The Trustee instead successfully negotiated with his authorization by and through his General Counsel a Noticed Sale of the Estate's interest in the Property to a disinterested third party in New York, subject to overbid in accordance with the following terms and conditions, in order to obtain sufficient funds to pay allowed General Unsecured Creditors currently listed in the Court's Claims Register in the sum of \$33,167.41 (subject to review and any appropriate Objections to Claims) a meaningful distribution to fulfill his codified duties as Trustee of the Estate. As part of same, the Trustee's General Counsel

has agreed to limit its Legal Fees and Costs in this case in representation of the Trustee at a flat sum of \$20,000.00 (which significantly exceed same to date) in order to maximize a return dividend to allowed General Unsecured Creditors in the Debtor's case which the Trustee and his General Counsel believe is in the best interests of the Estate and its Creditors.

A true and correct copy of the fully executed Asset Purchase Agreement regarding the Estate's Property as defined hereinabove ("APA"), subject to this Court's approval, along with the overbid procedures as described therein, is attached to the concurrently filed Motion as Exhibit "4" and is incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full as follows:

This Purchase and Sale Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into between "Rosendo Gonzalez, Chapter 7 Trustee, for the Bankruptcy Estate of Nadine Christian ("Nadine") ("Trustee"), now pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court Central District of California, Los Angeles Division (USBC Case No. 2:19-bk-20040-BR) (the "Bankruptcy Case")", and BSD Investments, LLC, A California Limited Liability Company ("Purchaser"). Trustee and Purchaser may be collectively referred to herein as the "Parties" and agree as follows, subject to approval of this United States Bankruptcy Court.

RECITALS

A. Whereas Purchaser alleges James Gordon and Alice Gordon, his wife, by deed dated September 19, 1949, and recorded September 20, 1949, in the Kings County Official Records became the fee owners of 1355 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York, **Exhibit A**.

- B. On June 21, 1976, the said grantees were divorced by Judgement of the New York State Kings County Supreme Court and by operation of law, became tenant-incommon owners of the premises, **Exhibit B**.
 - C. On November 29, 1974, James Gordon died a resident of Kings County, intestate, **Exhibit C**.
- D. On February 14, 1994, Beatrice Christian, a surviving distributee/niece of the decedent James Gordon died a resident of Los Angeles County intestate, survived by six children including the debtor ("Nadine"), **Exhibit D**.
- E. Therefore, by operation of law, under the intestacy laws of the State of New York, the Debtor became a tenant-in-common owner of the premises, and under 11 U.S.C. § 541(a), Debtor's interest in the property became the property of the bankruptcy estate upon the Petition date.
- F. On April 19, 2019, NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST and the Bank of New York Mellon as Collateral Agent and Custodian commenced a Tax Lien foreclosure proceeding against Cecil D. Worrell, as Administrator of the Estate of James Gordon and the Kings County Public Administrator, as Administrator of the Estate of Alec Gordon a/k/a Ales Parker Gordon, to foreclose on the property for tax arrears of \$86,795.62, **Exhibit E**.
- G. On December 2, 2020, there was a motion filing for Relief from the "Automatic Stay" relating to the above tax lien foreclosure action, **Exhibit F**.
- H. On January 19, 2021, by stipulation, an order was entered granting relief from the automatic stay under 11. U.S.C. § 362, **Exhibit G**.
- I. On February 11, 2021, due to a subsequent sale/assignment of the tax liens/certificates to Mooring Tax Lien Group attorneys for NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST and the

Bank of New York Mellon as Collateral Agent and Custodian filed a notice ("Notice of Discontinuance") of discontinuance of the foreclosure proceedings, **Exhibit H**.

- J. Despite the discontinuance, interest continues accruing thereon from the Applicable tax lien Sale Date at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum, compounded daily from August 2018 plus any subsequent taxes due, which the yearly taxes are currently \$11,723.00, **Exhibit I**.
- K. Besides the outstanding tax lien obligations, significant building code violations exist against the property for failure to maintain building walls, facade, and back walls, and a vacate order is outstanding against the property for its unsafe conditions, **Exhibit J**.
- L. As a result of the impracticability, the estate would never receive anything more significant than the proposed offer, and there is no known time frame as to when the matters above will conclude and at what amounts in terms of accruing interest, fees, and penalties. After ongoing good faith discussions, the Trustee has agreed to sell- and the Purchaser has agreed to buy all the estate's rights, title, and undivided interest in (i) the asset more commonly known and described as 1355 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York, Block 1850 Lot 44 (ii) including without limitation: all rights; under 11 U.S.C. § 363 and all relevant sections including h; and (iii) the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, maintaining exclusive jurisdiction over any anticipated adversary proceeding under the sections above under the terms and conditions set forth below.

ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants contained herein. Trustee and Purchaser agree as follows:

- 1. <u>United States Bankruptcy Court Approval</u>. This is subject to approval by written order of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California by the Hon. Barry Russell presiding Bankruptcy Judge in the above-mentioned proceeding upon such notice to Cecil D. Worrell, as Administrator of the Estate of James Gordon and Richard Buckheit Esq., Kings County Public Administrator, as Administrator of the Estate of Alec Gordon a/k/a Ales Parker Gordon as may be required. The Trustee by and through his counsel will make an application for approval, not including fourteen days after entry of a final order approving the sale, with a closing of a sale of the Property which shall occur within 120 calendar days after entry of the Court's Order Entered Approving said Sale, with a waiver of the Fourteen-Day Stay of said Order for the reasons set forth herein pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy 6004(h).
- 2. <u>Purchase Price</u>. Purchaser shall pay to Trustee the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) (the "Purchase Price"), as follows: \$2,500.00 down payment upon execution of this Agreement and \$47,500.00 due at closing. The payments shall be made payable to Rosendo Gonzalez, Esq., Chapter 7 Trustee for the Bankruptcy Estate of Nadine Christian, Case Number: 2:19-bk-20040-BR and delivered to Trustee or his counsel as so directed by Trustee. This agreement is subject to Overbid on Notice to Creditors and all Parties in interest in \$10,000.00 increments. The Purchaser is solely

responsible for any closing costs associated with the said purchase, excluding customary

transfer taxes, and recording fees.

contemplated herein.

- Conveyance. Upon receipt of the full Purchase Price, the Trustee shall convey all the estate's interest by executing and delivering to Purchaser a Warranty Deed, General Assignment, Surrogate's Assignment and Bill of Sale in appropriate New York form to be prepared by the Purchaser's counsel, the Trustee or its counsel and reasonably acceptable to the parties. As to the estate's interest, the conveyance shall be AS IS, WHERE IS, except that the Trustee shall represent and warrant those applicable rules were complied with in obtaining Court approval of this Agreement and the transactions
- 4. <u>Enforcement of Agreement</u>. In the event, the Hon. Barry Russell United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Central District of California enters an Order approving this Agreement and any Party thereafter fails to perform any obligation, act or duty herein undertaken, the non-breaching Party may bring any action necessary to enforce the provisions of this Agreement or recover damages for the breach thereof by the breaching party. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California shall exclusively retain Jurisdiction to resolve same.
- 5. <u>Voluntary Agreement</u>. Each Party hereto represents and warrants that he or she has consulted with and relied upon legal counsel of his or her own choosing concerning the terms and consequences of this Agreement. Each Party hereto further represents and warrants that he or she is relying solely upon his or her own investigation, knowledge, information, belief, and judgment of the advice of such Party's own counsel, and not upon any statement, opinions or representations of any other Party hereto or such

other Party's attorneys, employees, agents, officers or directors, in settling their claims and executing and delivering this Agreement.

- 6. <u>Governing Law and Forum</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California and the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California.
- 7. Attorneys' Fee. If any action at law or in equity is necessary to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and necessary disbursements in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.
- 8. <u>Binding Nature</u>. Upon execution of this Agreement, it shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. This Agreement shall not be assigned by either Party without the express written consent of the other Party.
- 9. <u>Paragraph Headings</u>. The section and paragraph headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation thereof.
- 10. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 11. <u>Facsimile Signature</u>. Transmission of a signed counterpart of this Agreement by one party (or its counsel) to the other party (or its counsel) by electronically affixed signature, or by fax, e-mail, or similar electronic means of transmission, will have the same force and effect as delivery of an ink-original, manually signed counterpart.

12. <u>Further Assurances</u>. Each Party to this Agreement hereby agrees to execute and deliver such other and further documents as may be reasonably requested by the other Party to more fully effectuate the terms, conditions and transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

- 13. Good Faith Finding by Court Pursuant to 11 U.S.C §363(m) The Court finds that the successful purchaser of the Property of the Estate has purchased same in good faith under the protections of 11 U.S.C. §363(m). The Trustee and his General Counsel have communicated in detail to the Broker for the proposed Buyer set forth in Exhibit "4" attached to the concurrently filed Motion and, based thereon, are informed, believe, and based thereon allege the following disclosures in their Declarations attached to the concurrently filed Motion to support a section 363(m) good faith determination:
 - a) The Buyer has no pre-petition nor post-petition relationship with other bidders, the Trustee, the Debtor, the Estate, the Estate's creditors, or equity security holders in the case, or any of the Trustee's officers, directors, agents, attorneys or employees;
 - b) The Buyer will have no relationship after the sale with the Trustee, Debtor or the Trustee's present or former officers, directors, agents, or employees (including no offers of employment or compensation have been made or will be offered to the Trustee's present or former officers, directors, agents, or employees);
 - c) No consideration is contemplated or promised to be transferred or has been transferred by the Buyer in connection with the sale to any person other than the Trustee for the sole benefit of the Debtor's Estate; and

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d) There exists no evidence of fraud or collusion between the Buyer and any other bidders, or the Trustee's, or Debtor's, or Estate's officers, directors, agents or employees, or any attempt to take unfair advantage of other bidders. (See Gonzalez Dec. at ¶20 a) through (d) and Shankman Dec. at ¶3 a) through d).

Waiver by Seller and Purchaser of 14-Day Stay of Order Approving Sale 14. of Estate's Property by Purchaser Otherwise Required Pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 6004(h) for Cause Each Party to this Agreement hereby waives the 14-Day Stay of the Order Approving the within Sale of the Property of the Estate to the purchaser to reasonably expedite the conclusion of said sale, as any objecting party to the within sale will have adequate notice and due process to marshal any objections to same at the time of the hearing on the within Motion to approve the APA, subject to a full right of overbid as proposed herein and in the attached APA.

ARGUMENT AND PROPOSED BID AND OVERBID PROCEDURES

By way of this Motion, the Trustee requests the entry of an Order: (1) Approving the following bid and overbid procedures; (2) authorizing the Trustee to sell the Real Property Interest of the Estate as described herein and in the APA, as is, where is and the other interests to Buyer, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 363(b); (3) finding the Purchaser at the auction to be a good faith purchaser as described in 11 U.S.C. § 363(m); and (4) waiving the 14-day stay set forth in Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h). The Motion is supported by the Declarations of the chapter 7 Trustee. Rosendo Gonzalez and his General Counsel, Paul R. Shankman, Esq. attached to the concurrently filed Motion.

A. The Auction Procedures Are Fair And Designed To Bring In The Highest Price For The Real Property.

By this Notice and concurrently filed Motion, the Trustee seeks the Court to approve of the following proposed bid and overbid procedures. The table below summarizes the bid procedures requested as a part of the within motion. The terms of the Purchase Agreement and the Court-Approved Bid Procedures control in the event of any inconsistency with this summary:

Current Bid Exhibit "4"	\$50,000.00
Subsequent Overbids	\$60,000.00 initial overbid, and then bidding in
	\$10,000.00 increments
	\$60,000.00 Cashier's Check payable to Rosendo
	Gonzalez, Chapter 7 Trustee to qualify to overbid at
	the Sale in Court
Representations/Warranties	The Property shall be sold on an "as is, where is" basis and without representations or warranties of any kind, nature or description.
Treatment of Liens	The Property shall be sold, subject to approval by court order after the Auction, as is, and the purchaser is assuming full responsibility for dealing with the liens alleged against the Property interest of the Estate in New York.
Qualification of Bidders	Only "Qualified Bidders" will be allowed to bid for the Property during the Auction. To qualify for bidding during the Auction, a bidder must: 1. Provide, prior to or simultaneous with the submission of a bid, evidence reasonably acceptable to Trustee of the Qualified Bidder's ability to fully and timely perform if its bid were to be accepted by the Trustee and approved by the Bankruptcy Court in an amount not less than \$60,000.00, subject to overbids in \$10,000.00 increments with evidence of Cashier's Checks to pay for same to the Trustee

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1		2. Provide evidence, to Debtor's reasonable satisfaction, of the Potential Bidder's financial
2		wherewithal and capability to fully and timely close
3		the sale. 3. Submit a competing bid in conformity with the
4		provisions of the Sale Procedures under which Debtor would receive cash consideration at closing in
5		an amount not less than the Minimum Opening Bid.
6		4. Deliver a good faith Cashier's Check in open Court in the amount of \$60,000.00 (hereinafter referred to
7		as the "Deposit"). 5. Disclose all of its pre-petition and post-petition
8		relationships, if any, with Debtor, the Trustee, other
9		bidders, major creditors or equity security holders of the Debtor, or any of its Affiliates.
10	Form of Bids	In addition, a Qualified Bidder shall:
11		1. Deliver a written copy of its bid to Trustee by
12		not later than 5:00 p.m. (PST) three (3) business days prior to the Auction ("Bid Deadline"). The
13		Trustee may extend the Bid Deadline once or successively but is not obligated to do so. If the
14		Trustee extends the Bid Deadline, he shall promptly
		notify all potential bidders of the extension. 2. Make its bid irrevocable and in an amount not less
15		than the Minimum Bid Amount.
16		3. Make its bid upon the terms and conditions set forth in the <i>Agreement for Purchase and Sale of</i>
17		Property ("Purchase Agreement"), which is attached
18		hereto as Exhibit "4" , subject to such modification as the Qualified Bidder proposes, which shall be
19		presented in a document marked to show changes from the Purchase Agreement and in conformity with
20	·	items (a) through (f) below ("Marked Agreement").
21		The proposed modifications shall: (a) not be conditioned upon obtaining financing or
22		any internal approval, or upon the outcome or review of due diligence (the bid may, however, be subject to
23		the accuracy in all material respects at the closing of
24		specified representations and warranties or the satisfaction in all material respects at the closing of
25		specified conditions, none of which shall be more
		burdensome than those set forth in the Purchase Agreement);
26		(b) be irrevocable through the conclusion of the
27		Auction;

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S MOTION AND MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR ORDER: (1) APPROVING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY INTEREST OF THE ESTATE AS IS, WHERE IS AND BIDDING PROCEDURES [11 U.S.C. §363(b); (2)] FINDING BUYER IS A GOOD FAITH PURCHASER [11 U.S.C. §363(m)]; AND (3) WAIVING 14-DAY STAY OF FRBP 6004(h)

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1		(c) not request or entitle the bidder to any breakup fee, termination fee, expense reimbursement or
2		similar type of payment;
3		(d) provide for the closing of the sale by the time specified for the "Closing" under the Purchase
4		Agreement;
5		(e) acknowledge and represent that the bidder (i) has had an opportunity to inspect and examine the
6		Property and the transaction structure set forth in the
7		Purchase Agreement, (ii) in making its bid, has relied solely on its own independent review, investigation
8		and/or inspection of same, and (iii) has not relied on any written or oral statements, representations,
9		promises, warranties or guaranties whatsoever, whether express, implied or by operation of law or
		otherwise regarding same, or the completeness of
10		any information provided in connection therewith at the Auction, except as expressly stated in the Marked
11		Agreement or these Bid Procedures; and
12		(f) fully disclose the identity of each entity that will be bidding or otherwise participating in connection with
13		such bidding, and all terms of any such participation
14		that, in the reasonable business judgment of the
15		Trustee, are relevant to such bid.
16	Auction Procedures	The Auction shall be conducted pursuant to the following terms:
		1. At least one (1) business day before the Auction,
17		the Trustee shall notify all Qualified Bidders of the Qualified Bid that, as determined in the Trustee's sole
18		discretion, is the highest or otherwise best Qualified
19		Bid ("Baseline Bid"). 2. The Auction shall commence at 10:00 a.m. on
20		August 15, 2023 in Courtroom 1668 in the United
21		States Bankruptcy Court located at 255 East Temple Street, 16 th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012 before the
22		Honorable Barry Russell, United States Bankruptcy Judge.
23		3. All Qualified Bidders must be present at the
24		Auction in person or through a qualified representative, and only Qualified Bidders who have
		submitted Qualified Bids will be eligible to participate
25		in the Auction. Unless specified by the Trustee, no Qualified Bidder will be permitted more than ten (10)
26		minutes to respond to the previous bid.
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4. The Trustee will review each Qualified Bid on the basis of its financial and contractual terms and the factors relevant to the transaction process and the best interests of the bankruptcy estate, including those factors asserting the speed and certainty of consummating the transaction. Immediately prior to the conclusion of the Auction, the Trustee shall (i) identify the highest or otherwise best offer to purchase the Property ("Successful Bid"), (ii) identify the next highest or otherwise best offer after the Successful Bid ("Next Highest Bid"), and (iii) notify all Qualified Bidders present at the Auction the identities of the bidder that submitted the Successful Bid ("Successful Bidder") and of the bidder that submitted the Next Highest Bid ("Next Highest Bidder"). 5. The Trustee and the Successful Bidder shall close the sale within fifteen (15) calendar days after entry of a court order approving the Sale and not subject to any stay ("Approval Order"). If the Successful Bidder fails to close the sale, the Trustee is authorized (but not required) to close the sale with the Next Highest Bidder. If the Trustee decides to close with the Next Highest Bidder, then Debtor and Next Highest Bidder shall have an additional fifteen (15) calendar days to close.

6. The Deposits of all Qualified Bidders will be held by the Trustee, Rosendo Gonzalez, in one or more non-interest bearing accounts. Deposits made by Qualified Bidders, other than those made by the Successful Bidder and Next Highest Bidder who agrees to maintain its status as a back-up bidder, shall be returned to such Qualified Bidders within fifteen (15) business days following the conclusion of the Auction.

B. The Sale Should Be Approved Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 363(b).

Section 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that after a notice and a hearing, a trustee or debtor-in-possession may sell property of the estate outside the ordinary course of business. 11 U.S.C. §§ 363(b) and 1107(a). In determining whether to approve a

proposed sale under section 363, courts generally apply standards that, although stated

various ways, represent essentially a business judgment test. 3-363 Collier on Bankruptcy ¶ 363.02[4]. "Ordinarily, the position of the trustee is afforded deference, particularly where business judgment is entailed in the analysis or where there is no objection." *In re Fitzgerald*, 428 B.R. 872, 883 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 2010) (*citing In re Lahijani*, 325 B.R. 282, 289 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 2005).

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The bankruptcy court reviews the Trustee's business judgment only "to determine independently whether the judgment is a reasonable one. The court should not substitute its judgment for the trustee's but should determine only whether the trustee's judgment was reasonable and whether a sound business justification exists supporting the sale and its terms." 3-363 Collier on Bankruptcy ¶ 363.02[4]. Here, the Trustee has acted to sell the sole Property asset of the Estate at a price that proposes to pay a distribution of any remaining cash from the sale and to pay as much as possible to the Allowed General Unsecured Creditors of the Estate.

An additional consideration when approving a sale of assets of the estate is that such sale is in the "best interests of the estate." *In re Wilde Horse Enters., Inc.*, 136 B.R. 830, 841 (Bankr. C.D. Cal 1991); *In re Lionel*, 722 F. 2d 1063, 1070 (2nd Cir. 1983). While subjecting the sale to an overbid procedure may ordinarily be the manner of sale which is most likely to obtain the highest and best price for the property, and thus in the best interests of the estate, it is not always a necessary component to such a sale. Rather, the assessment of whether a sale is in the best interests of creditors involves an analysis of all of the factors involved in the sale, including alternatives available to the estate for disposition of the property.

Rule 6004(f)(1) provides that sales outside the ordinary course of business may be by private sale or by public auction. It is within the discretion of the trustee to determine whether a public auction or private sale is appropriate. *In re Alisa Partnership*, 15 B.R. 802 (Bankr. D. Del. 1981); see also Fed. R. Bankr. Proc. 6004(f); 11 U.S.C. § 363(b) (1).

there is no requirement that the sale be by public auction." *In re Woodscape Ltd.*Partnership, 134 B.R. 165, 174 (Bankr. D. Md. 1991) (discussing the sale of equity in a chapter 11 plan); see also In re Andy Frain Services, Inc., 798 F.2d 1113, 1125 (7th Cir. 1986) (a sale to an insider is not per se bad faith).

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Here the Trustee's proposed auction process meets all of the requirements of the cases and the Code. At the close of the sale, the Trustee will have maximized a distribution to all Allowed General Unsecured Creditors from the sole asset of the Estate which he would not otherwise be able to accomplish, but for his successful efforts with his General Counsel. Hence the sale should be approved pursuant to 11 U.S.C.§ 363(b).

C. The Buyer at the Auction Should be Determined to be a Good Faith Purchaser Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 363(m).

Section 363(m) provides that a purchaser of property of the estate is protected from the effects of a reversal or modification on appeal of the authorization to sell as long as the purchaser acted in good faith and the appellant failed to obtain a stay of the sale. The Code does not define "good faith." Courts have adopted various definitions. A good faith purchaser is "one who buys property . . . for value, without knowledge or adverse claims." *In re Mark Bell Furniture Warehouse, Inc.*, 992 F.2d 7, 8 (1st Cir. 1993). "Typically, lack of good faith is shown by fraud, collusion between the purchaser and other bidders or the trustee, or an attempt to take grossly unfair advantage of other bidders." *In re Ewell*, 958 F.2d 276, 279 (9th Cir. 1992).

The Ninth Circuit has held that there is a presumption of good faith in favor of a buyer in a sale under 11 U.S.C. 363(m) in its decision in *In re Cooper Commons, LLP.*, 424 F3d 963, 970 (9th Cir. 2005). In *Cooper Commons* the court noted that, as explained in *In re Adams Apple*, 829 F2d 1484, 1489 (9th Cir. 1987), in connection even with a sale to a creditor under Section 363(m), the court presumes the buyer's good faith and then inquires

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Bankr. Lexis 5061 (BAP 9th Cir. 2014).

The Buyer in this case will be the high bidder at the auction sale conducted before this Court. As part of the bid procedures, all bidders must "5. Disclose all of its pre-petition

as to whether the presumption can be overcome. See In re Zuercher Trust of 1999, 2014

and post-petition relationships, if any, with Debtor, other bidders, major creditors or equity security holders of the Debtor or any of its Affiliates." Thus, there can be little doubt that the successful Buyer is a good faith buyer for purposes of Section 363(m).

In addition, pursuant to the attached Gonzalez and Shankman Declarations as set forth above, the existing bidder has made disclosures which lead the Trustee and his General Counsel to aver as follows:

- The Buyer has no pre-petition nor post-petition relationship with other bidders, the Trustee, the Debtor, the Estate, the Estate's creditors, or equity security holders in the case, or any of the Trustee's officers, directors, agents, attorneys or employees;
- 2. The Buyer will have no relationship after the sale with the Trustee, Debtor or the Trustee's present or former officers, directors, agents, or employees (including no offers of employment or compensation have been made or will be offered to the Trustee's present or former officers, directors, agents, or employees);
- 3. No consideration is contemplated or promised to be transferred or has been transferred by the Buyer in connection with the sale to any person other than the Trustee for the sole benefit of the Debtor's Estate; and
- 4. There exists no evidence of fraud or collusion between the Buyer and any other bidders or the Trustee's officers, directors, agents or employees, or any attempt to take unfair advantage of other bidders.

(See Gonzalez Dec. at ¶20 a) through (d) and Shankman Dec. at ¶3 a) through d).

D. This Court Should Waive the 14-Day Stay Set Forth in Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h).

Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h) provides that an order authorizing the sale of property is stayed until the expiration of 14 days after entry of the order unless the court orders otherwise. Absent any objection to this Motion, the Trustee requests that the 14-day stay set forth in Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h) be waived as any final Buyer will desire to move forward as soon as possible to close the Real Property sale and all prospective parties will have due process of Notice of the Sale and Bidding Terms and opportunity to participate fairly and equitably in the sale process before the Court

The Motion is based upon this Notice of Motion, the Motion, the Declarations of the Trustee and his General Counsel attached to the concurrently filed Motion, the Memorandum of Points and Authorities filed in support hereof, all Exhibits attached to the concurrently filed Motion, and upon such other and further oral argument and documentary evidence considered by the Court at the time of the Hearing on the Motion.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Trustee requests the Court make a finding that the Purchaser is a good faith purchaser pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §363(m) as supported herein and in the concurrently filed Motion.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Trustee requests that the Court waive the 14-day stay as set forth in Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h) as supported herein and in the concurrently filed Motion.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any opposition shall be filed with the Court and served on the initiating party at least 14 days prior to the actual scheduled hearing date.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE Any reply shall be filed and served at least 7 days prior to the actual scheduled hearing date in accordance with Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(f) and (g). Respectfully submitted, Dated: July 20, 2023 **FORTIS LLP** Paul R. Shankman By: /s/ Paul R. Shankman PAUL R. SHANKMAN General Bankruptcy Counsel for Rosendo Gonzalez, chapter 7 Trustee

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